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SUBJ: PRESS PLAY ON SOCCOM MINISTER JESUINO RETURN

FROM U.S. LEADER GRANT, MAY 17-30, 1975

SUMMARY: JESUINO TOLD PRESS U.S. VISIT WAS "EXTREMELY POSITIVE" AND PROVIDED HIM WITH "USEFUL CONTACTS ESPECIALLY IN FIELD OF JOURNALISM" END SUMMARY

1. MINISTER SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS JESUINO'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON U.S. VISIT AT LISBON AIRPORT MAY 17 RECEIVED PROMINENT PLAY FRONTPAGES LISBON AND OPORTO AFTERNOON DAILIES MAY 17 AND MAY 19 MORNING PAPERS. SAMPLE HEADLINES FOLLOW:

MAY 17: REPUBLICA--"THERE IS CONSIDERABLE NEWS ABOUT PORTUGAL IN U.S.", A CAPITAL--"CORREIA JESUINO ON RETURNING FROM U.S: PORTUGAL DOESN'T WANT TO UPSET WORLD POWER BALANCE;" DIARIO POPULAR (TWO ARTICLES)--"MINISTER CORREIA JESUINO STATES THAT U.S. HAS CORRECT INFORMATION ABOUT PORTUGAL "AND AMERICA JOURNALISM EXPERTS ARE READY TO COME TO PORTUGAL TO ADVISE ON PROFESSIONAL MATTERS"; DIARIO DE LISBOA--"/CORREIA JESUINO RETURNS FROM U.S."

MAY 19: DIARIO DE NOTICIAS--"THE REVOLUTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH SOCIAL JUSTICE AND IN ORDER TO LIBERATE OUR COUNTRY FROM ITS PRESENT SITUATION- MINISTER CORREIA JESUINO'S POINT OF VIEW IN U.S." SECULO--"CORREIA JESUINO: WE WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTINUE WITH NATO."

2. JESUINO'S NBC INTERVIEW ALSO CARRIED BY UPI/ANI ARTICLE
MAY 19 DARIO DE NOTICIAS AND JORNAL DO COMERCIO. HEADLINES
FOLLOW: DN-"PORTUGAL WILL REMAIN IN NATO AND THE AMERICANS
AT LAJES MINISTER JESUINO DELCARED TO NBC."
JC-"THE AZORES AIR BASE WILL NOT BE USED AGAIN AGAINST THE
ARAB COUNTRIES MINISTER CORREIA JESUINO SAID IN NEW YORK."

3. SIGNIFICANT POINTS MADE AT PRESS CONFERENCE USED BY PRESS
FOLLOW:

ON NATO AND GOP:

--"BECAUSE WE ARE INVOLVED WITH THE WEST IN AN ESTABLISHED
BLOC, WE ARE GOING TO MAINTAIN OUR FOREIGN POLICY WITH RESPECT
TO NATO." (DN, CAPITAL)

--"THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IS NOT INTERESTED IN UPSETTING
THE PRESENT WORL BALANCE OF POWER. THIS WAS A POINT WHICH
I MADE IN THE U.S. I SAID MANY TIMES THAT OUR REVOLUTION
IS BEING MADE IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
IN ORDER TO LIBERATE OUR COUNTRY FROM ITS PRESENT SITUATION."
(DN, CAPITAL)

--"WE WERE VERY EXPLICIT REGARDING OUR REMAINING IN NATO AND
THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE ARE REALLY INVOLVED WITH NATO."
(DN, SECULO)

ON HIS VISIT TO THE U.S.:

--"ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, THE TRIP WAS EXTREMELY POSITIVE."

ON U.S. AWARENESS OF PORTUGUESE EVENTS:

--"PEOPLE IN THE U.S. KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PORTUGAL AND IT
IS ONLY THEIR INTERPRETATION OF EVENTS THAT WE MIGHT SOMETIMES
COMMENT UPON, BUT, IN GENERAL, THERE IS A GREAT AMOUT OF INFOR-
MATION ABOUT OUR COUNTRY IN THE U.S." (DN, REPUBLICA)

ON U.S. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS:

--"THE VISIT PROVIDED ME WITH USEFUL CONTACTS ESPECIALLY IN THE
FIELD OF JOURNALISM." (REPUBLICA)

--"I FOUND THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT
AND EXTREMELY POWERFUL FINANCIALLY. ALL OF THEM HAVE ONE
OBJECTIVE: NOT TO LOSE THEIR REPUTATION OF IMPARTIALITY.
THIS ATTITUDE EXISTS IN TELEVISION NETWORKS AND LARGE NEWS-
PAPERS SUCH AS THE WASHINGTON POST OR THE NEW YORK TIMES.
I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE VERY POWERFUL SYSTEMS AND
WELL OPERATED MACHINES."

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ON CENSORSHIP:

"YOU CAN'T PUBLISH ANYTING IN NEWSPAPERS LIKE THESE.
YOU CAN PUBLISH WHATEVER RELATES TO THE POLITICAL OUT-
LOOK OF THE EDITOR AND WHATEVER CAN BE SOLD, ALWAYS KEEPING
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS ON MIND." (DN, DIARIO DE LISBOA)

ON INCIDENTS IN MASSACHUSETTS:

--"THERE WAS A PROTEST BY CABO VERDIANS AT THE DOOR TO THE
LIBRARY WHERE WE WERE MEETING. THEY WERE VERY AGRESSIVE

PEOPLE WHO TRIED TO INTERRUPT THE MEETIN. I MUST SAY, HOW-
EVER, THAT IT DID NOT HAVE ANY MEANING. I ENDED UP BEING
INSULTED AND SOMEONE FROM THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY WAS HIT WITH
EGGS. IN NEWARK, ALSO, THE MEETING WAS RATHER ROUGH."

(SECULO 5/19)

--"I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF
THE PORTUGUESE DEMONSTRATORS IN THE U.S. THEY MAY BE VICTIMS
OF EXTERNAL PRESSURES AND, FOR THAT REASON, MAY REACT THE
WAY THEY DO." (DN, SECULO)

ON U.S. COOPERATION:

--"THE COOPERATION OFFERED BY THE U.S. CONSISTS OF SENDING
SPECIALISTS IN MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS WHO COULD HELPS US
STRUCUTRE OUR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM" (REPUBLICA, JORNAL
DO COMERCIO)

4. SALIET POINT PRESS COVERAGE JESUINO'S NBC INTERVIEW
FOLLOWS:

"THE USE OF OUR AZORES BASE WILL HAVE TO BE STUDIED SEPARATELY
IN CASE A NEW WAR BREAKS OUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE SUFFERED
SEVERE PENALTIES AS A RESULT OF HAVING PERMITTED THE U.S.
TO USE THE AZORES BASE DURING THE LAST WAR, AND I THINK
IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE THAT WE HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT
THE USE OF THIS BASE FOR THE SAME PURPOSES."(DN
AND JC)

5. MAY 20 DN FRONTPAGE ARTICLE, REFERRING TO JESUINO
INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL WALTERS AT CIA, STATED THAT
WALTERS CONSISTENTLY EMPHASIZED NON-INTERFERENCE OF CIA
IN PORTUGUESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
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